

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 16 are pending. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 1-7 and 9-15 have cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as to Applicants right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Drawings

The Drawings were objected to for containing reference numerals not mentioned in the specification. Applicants have amended the specification to include the missing reference numerals. No new matter is entered by the amendments to the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claim Objections

Claim 8 was objected to for containing a minor grammatical error. Applicants have amended claim 8 to correct the minor typographical error. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,407,715) or Honda (U.S. Patent No. 6,515,630). Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-7 and 9-15.


Conclusion

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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